

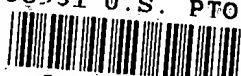
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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: MATSUSHIMA

Entitled: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application no. 08/718,051, filed 09/13/1996
- ☒ Abstract [one page]
- 64 pages of specification and claims (including 1-19 numbered claims), and
- 15 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. **Figures 1-18**
- ☒ This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/648,553, filed August 28, 2000, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/223,168, filed January 19, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,141,066, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/718,051, filed September 13, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,917,563.

Prior Application Information: Examiner K. Parker Group Art Unit: 2871.

The entire disclosure of prior Application No. 08/718,051, from which an oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
7-267308	Japan	16 October 1995
7-324578	Japan	13 December 1995
8-102817	Japan	24 April 1996
8-152729	Japan	13 June 1996
8-194451	Japan	24 July 1996

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

- ☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on November 20, 1996 in prior appln. no. 08/718,051 filed September 13, 1996
- ☒ The prior application is assigned to SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA.
- ☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner. A listing of that art is attached.
- ☒ Also attached: ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement**

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**SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION**

The declaration attached hereto is intended for the application submitted herewith and is a copy of the declaration filed in prior application no. 08/718,051, filed September 13, 1996, from which the present application claims priority.

The specification and drawings submitted herewith incorporate amendments made during prosecution of the prior applications. These changes introduce no new matter.

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